

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Beverley BROWN et al. : Group Art Unit: 1621
Serial No.: 10/580,552 : Examiner: NWAONICHA, Chukwuma O
Filed: May 26, 2006 :
Title: IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO ORGANIC SEMICONDUCTING
LAYERS

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SIR:

Further to Office Action mailed on March 13, 2009, and further to the interview held on June 30, 2009, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner and his supervisor for the interview held on June 30, 2009. The subject matter of the discussion was the section 103 rejection, whose summary is reflected in the comments below.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC § 103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-28 as being rendered obvious by Brown et al. (U.S. 7,095,044) in view of Minakata (U.S. 7,061,010).

Brown teaches an organic semiconductor in combination with an organic binder. See column 3, lines 4-7.

Brown teaches that the organic semi-conducting materials include soluble compounds (see column 4, lines 9-10), when certain polymeric semiconducting materials are insoluble, then analogues thereof could be used (see column 8, lines 63-65), if a preformed binder is